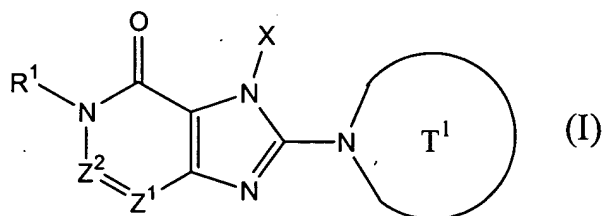


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A compound represented by the following formula, or a salt or hydrate thereof,



wherein,

T¹ represents a monocyclic or bicyclic 4- to 12-membered heterocyclic group containing one or two nitrogen atoms in the ring, that may have one or more substituents;

X represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have one or more substituents, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group which may have one or more substituents, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group which may have one or more substituents, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group which may have one or more substituents, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl group which may have one or more substituents, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have one or more substituents, or a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may have one or more substituents;

Z¹ and Z² each independently represent a nitrogen atom or a group represented by the formula -CR²=;

R¹ and R² each independently represent a group according to the formula -A⁰-A¹-A²

(wherein A^0 represents a single bond or a C_{1-6} alkylene group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from group B consisting of the substituents described below;

A^1 represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfinyl group, a sulfonyl group, a carbonyl group, a group represented by the formula $-O-CO-$, a group represented by the formula $-CO-O-$, a group represented by the formula $-NR^A-$, a group represented by the formula $-CO-NR^A-$, a group represented by the formula $-NR^A-CO-$, a group represented by the formula $-SO_2-NR^A-$, or a group represented by the formula $-NR^A-SO_2-$;

A^2 and R^A each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, C_{6-10} aryl group, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl group, a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclic group, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl group, or a C_{2-7} alkylcarbonyl group; however, A^2 and R^A each independently may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group B described below:

when Z^2 is a group represented by the formula $-CR^2=$, R^1 , and R^2 may in combination form a 5 to 7-membered ring;

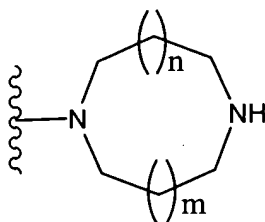
except in cases where: [1] R^1 is a hydrogen atom; Z^1 is a nitrogen atom; and Z^2 is $-CH=$; and [2] Z^1 is a nitrogen atom; and Z^2 is $-C(OH)=$;

<Substituent group B>

Substituent group B represents the group consisting of: a hydroxyl group, a mercapto group, a cyano group, a nitro group, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have one or more substituents, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl group, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl group, a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclic group, a C_{1-6}

alkoxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group, a group represented by the formula -SO₂-NR^{B1}-R^{B2}, a group represented by the formula -NR^{B1}-CO-R^{B2}, a group represented by the formula -NR^{B1}-R^{B2} (where R^{B1} and R^{B2} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group), a group represented by the formula -CO-R^{B3} (where R^{B3} represents a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclic group), a group represented by the formula -CO-R^{B4}-R^{B5} and a group represented by the formula -CH₂-CO-R^{B4}-R^{B5} (where R^{B4} represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, or a group represented by the formula -NR^{B6}-; R^{B5} and R^{B6} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl group, a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclic C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₀ aryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl C₁₋₆ alkyl group)).

2. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein T¹ is,
a group represented by the following formula:



(wherein, n and m each independently represent 0 or 1) which may have one or more substituents;

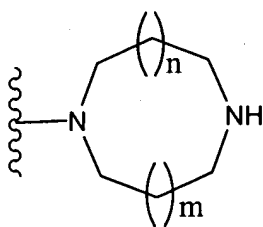
an azetidin-1-yl group which may have one or more substituents;

a pyrrolidin-1-yl group which may have one or more substituents;

a piperidin-1-yl group which may have one or more substituents; or

an azepan-1-yl group which may have one or more substituents.

3. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein T¹ is,
a group represented by the following formula :



(where n and m each independently represent 0 or 1);
an azetidin-1-yl group which may have an amino group;
a pyrrolidin-1-yl group which may have an amino group;
a piperidin-1-yl group which may have an amino group; or
an azepan-1-yl group which may have an amino group.

4. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein T¹ is a piperazin-1-yl group or a 3-aminopiperidin-1-yl group.

5. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein T¹ is a piperazin-1-yl group.

6. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein X is a group represented by the formula -X¹-X² (where X¹ represents a single bond or a methylene group which may have one or more substituents; X² represents a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group which may have one or more substituents, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group may have one or more substituents, or a phenyl group which may have one or more substituents).

7. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein X is a group represented by the formula $-X^{11}-X^{12}$ (where X^{11} represents a single bond or a methylene group; X^{12} represents a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, or a phenyl group which may have one or more substituents).

8. (currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~6 or 7~~, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein the phenyl group that may have one or more substituents is a phenyl group which may have at the 2-position a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a fluoromethyl group, a vinyl group, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, an acetyl group, a cyano group, a formyl group, and a C_{2-7} alkoxycarbonyl group.

9. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein X is a 3-methyl-2-buten-1-yl group, a 2-butyne-1-yl group, a benzyl group, or a 2-chlorophenyl group.

10. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein X is a 2-butyne-1-yl group.

11. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein either the Z^1 or Z^2 is a nitrogen atom.

12. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein,
 Z^1 is a nitrogen atom; and
 Z^2 is a group represented by the formula $-CR^2=$
(where R^2 is as defined above in claim 1).

13. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, or a salt or a hydrate thereof, wherein,
 Z^2 is a nitrogen atom; and
 Z^1 is a group represented by the formula $-CR^2=$
(where R^2 is as defined above in claim 1).

14. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof,
wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, or a group represented by the formula $-A^{10}-A^{11}-A^{12}$
(where A^{10} represents a C_{1-6} alkylene group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below;
 A^{11} represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a carbonyl group;
 A^{12} represents a hydrogen atom, a C_{6-10} aryl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below, or a C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below:

<Substituent group C>

Substituent group C represents the group consisting of: a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{1-6} alkylthio group, a trifluoromethyl group, a group represented by the formula $-NR^{C1}-R^{C2}$ (where each of R^{C1} and R^{C2} independently represent a hydrogen atom or C_{1-6} alkyl group), a group represented by the formula $-CO-R^{C3}-R^{C4}$ and a group represented by the formula $-CH_2-CO-R^{C3}-R^{C4}$ (where R^{C3} represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, or a group represented by the formula $-NR^{C5}$; R^{C4} and R^{C5} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group).

15. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below, a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below, or a C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group C described below:

<Substituent group C>

Substituent group C represents the group consisting of: a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a halogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{1-6} alkylthio group, a trifluoromethyl group, a group represented by the formula $-NR^{C1}-R^{C2}$ (where each of R^{C1} and R^{C2} independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group), a group represented by the formula $-CO-R^{C3}-R^{C4}$ and a group represented by the formula $-CH_2-CO-R^{C3}-R^{C4}$ (where R^{C3} represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, or a group represented by the formula $-NR^{C5}-$; R^{C4} and R^{C5} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group);

16. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 14 ~~or 15~~, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein the substituent group C is a group consisting of a cyano group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{2-7} alkoxy carbonyl group, and a halogen atom.

17. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R^1 is a methyl group, a cyanobenzyl group, a fluorocyanobenzyl group, a phenethyl group, a 2-methoxyethyl group, or a 4-methoxycarbonylpyridin-2-yl group.

18. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R^1 is a methyl group or a 2-cyanobenzyl group.

19. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof,

wherein R^2 is a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, or a group represented by the formula $-A^{21}-A^{22}$

(where A^{21} represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfinyl group, a sulfonyl group, a carbonyl group, a group represented by the formula $-O-CO-$, a group represented by the formula $-CO-O-$, a group represented by the formula $-NR^{A2}-$, a group represented by the formula $-CO-NR^{A2}-$, or a group represented by the formula $-NR^{A2}-CO-$;

A^{22} and R^{A2} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, a C_{2-6} alkenyl group, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group, a C_{6-10} aryl group, a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl group, a 4- to 8-membered heterocyclic group, a 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl C_{1-6} alkyl group, or a C_{6-10} aryl C_{1-6} alkyl group;

however, A^{22} and R^{A2} each may independently have 1- to 3 substituents selected from the substituent group D described below:

<Substituent group D>

Substituent group D represents the group consisting of: a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{1-6} alkylthio group, a trifluoromethyl group, a group represented by the formula $-NR^{D1}-R^{D2}$ (where R^{D1} and R^{D2} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group), a group represented by the formula $-CO-R^{D3}$ (where R^{D3} represents a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclic group), and a group represented by the formula $-CO-R^{D4}-R^{D5}$ (where R^{D4} represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, or a group represented by the formula $-NR^{D6}-$; R^{D5} and R^{D6} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group, or a C_{1-6} alkyl group)).

20. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof,

wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a carboxy group, a C_{2-7} alkoxy carbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a group represented by the formula $-\text{CONR}^{D7}\text{R}^{D8}$ (where R^{D7} and R^{D8} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group), or a group represented by the formula $-\text{A}^{23}-\text{A}^{24}$

(where A^{23} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or a group represented by the formula $-\text{NR}^{\text{A}3}-$;

A^{24} and $\text{R}^{\text{A}3}$ each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group which may have a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, a C_{2-6} alkenyl group which may have a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, a C_{2-6} alkynyl group which may have a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, a phenyl group which may have a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, or a 5 to 10-membered heteroaryl group which may have a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below:

<Substituent group D1>

Substituent group D1 represents the group consisting of: a carboxy group, a C_{2-7} alkoxy carbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a group represented by the formula $-\text{CONR}^{D7}\text{R}^{D8}$ (where R^{D7} and R^{D8} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or C_{1-6} alkyl group), a pyrrolidin-1-yl carbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and a C_{1-6} alkoxy group).

21. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, or a group represented by the formula $-\text{A}^{25}-\text{A}^{26}$

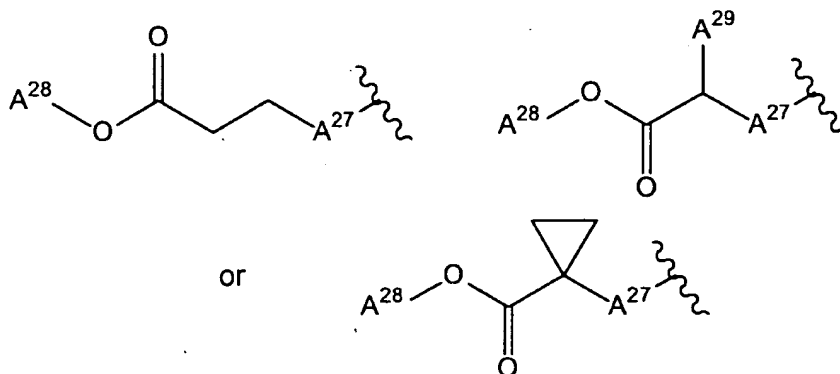
(where A^{25} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a group represented by the formula $-\text{NR}^{\text{A}4}-$;

A^{26} and R^{A4} each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group having a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, a C_{3-8} cycloalkyl group having a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below, or a phenyl group having a substituent selected from the substituent group D1 described below:

<Substituent group D1>

Substituent group D1 represents the group consisting of: a carboxy group, a C_{2-7} alkoxy carbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a group represented by the formula - $CONR^{D7}R^{D8}$ (where R^{D7} and R^{D8} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group), pyrrolidin-1-yl carbonyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, and a C_{1-6} alkoxy group).

22. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R^2 is a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a methoxy group, a carbamoylphenyloxy group, or a group represented by the following formula:



(where A^{27} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or -NH-;

A^{28} and A^{29} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group).

23. (currently amended) The compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 18~~claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein R² is a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, or a 2-carbamoylphenyloxy group.

24. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, wherein the compound of formula (I) indicated above is any one selected from the group consisting of:

7-(2-butynyl)-2-cyano-1-methyl-8-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,7-dihydropurin-6-one,
3-(2-butynyl)-5-methyl-2-(piperazin-1-yl)-3,5-dihydroimidazo[4,5-d]pyridazin-4-one,
2-(3-aminopiperidin-1-yl)-3-(2-butynyl)-5-methyl-3,5-dihydroimidazo[4,5-d]pyridazin-4-one,
2-[7-(2-butynyl)-1-methyl-6-oxo-8-(piperazin-1-yl)-6,7-dihydro-1H-purin-2-
yloxy]benzamide,
7-(2-butynyl)-1-(2-cyanobenzyl)-6-oxo-8-(piperazin-1-yl)-6,7-dihydro-1H-purine-2-
carbonitrile, and
2-[3-(2-butynyl)-4-oxo-2-(piperazin-1-yl)-3,4-dihydroimidazo[4,5-d]pyridazin-5-
ylmethyl]benzonitrile.

25. (original) A pharmaceutical agent comprising a compound of claim 1.

26. (original) A dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor comprising a compound of claim 1.

27. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and an adjuvant useful for formulation.

28. (original) A preventive or a therapeutic agent for diabetes mellitus, which comprises a compound of claim 1.

29. (original) A preventive or therapeutic agent, which comprises a compound of claim 1, for diabetes mellitus, obesity, hyperlipidemia, AIDS, osteoporosis, a gastrointestinal disorder, angiogenesis, infertility, an inflammatory disease, an allergic disease, or cancer.

30. (original) An immunomodulator, a hormone modulator, or an anti-rheumatic drug, which comprises a compound of claim 1.

31. (original) A therapeutic or preventive method for a disease in which the inhibition of dipeptidyl peptidase IV is effective, wherein the method comprises administering to a patient a compound of claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, in a pharmaceutically effective amount.

32. (original) The use of a compound of claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, in producing a pharmaceutical agent.

33. (original) The use of a compound of claim 1, or a salt or hydrate thereof, in producing a therapeutic or preventive agent for a disease in which the inhibition of dipeptidyl peptidase IV is effective.